Bridgewater April 29. 1873

Hon. Wm. Lincoln

Dear Sir

Mr Richardson's

"American Reader was introduced into the North Male School in Hingham while I was there, and upon my return to Woodstock in 1811 I caused it to be introduced into the schools in that town.

I cannot now remember what other reading Books were used in the school at Hingham, except the "Beauties of the Bible" The Columbian Orator American Preceptor & English Reader were quite prominent reading Books at that time & I think one of

there was read there, but am not certain —

In your letter of the 18th inst you allude to my having read the Declaration of Independence in 1809. Dr. Gordon read it on that occasion and myself in 1815 when Jesse Loring delivered the Oration —

Very truly
Yours
Artemas Hale